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## **Sustainability Advisory Committee**

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**MINUTES  
SAC COMMITTEE  
October 24, 2013  
CITY HALL A/B CONFERENCE ROOM**

**ROLL CALL:**

Diane Meyer, Chair  
Richard Marx  
Jackie Coleman  
Gina Nakis  
Joe Miller  
Andrea Maddox-Dallas, Aldermanic Representative

**ABSENT:**

Pamela Fournier  
Stan Braude  
Alex Bornstein  
Joanne Boulton, Aldermanic Representative  
John Wulf, Interim Director of Public Works

**CITY STAFF:**

Daneen Schlereth, Recording Secretary

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The minutes of the August 22, 2013 meeting were approved.

Diane opened the meeting informing the committee she had a conversation with the mayor and he wants the committee to discuss the plastic bag campaign again. The mayor would like the committee to come up with an idea or plan that the alderman could either act upon or put the bag campaign to rest.

He wants the committee to consider how it will affect Clayton, and what the plastic bag issue means for the City of Clayton, both businesses and residents. Diane informed the new members that a group of children from Wydown Middle School came to a meeting several months ago with a presentation to band the usage of the plastic bag.

The question was asked what kind of bags are they considering banding. Diane informed the committee they were referring to the grocery plastic bags. The kids were trying to promote the use of cloth bags. Andrea said the city was going to provide a cloth bag to everyone that attended this promotion event the kids wanted to have; however she read an article that in San Francisco people were getting sick from using the cloth bags because they never cleaned or washed them out.

Andrea said she doesn't feel the same momentum with the surrounding municipalities like there was with the smoking ban. The committee didn't feel we could actually ban the use of the plastic bags in the city and suggested they come up with another solution to participate.

It was suggested that we approach Walgreens and Straubs and suggest they put a drop off box like Schnucks has to recycle the bags. The committee thought that was a great idea and it was suggested it would probably be better if we had the kids from Wydown Middle School do the leg work.

The question was also asked what does Schnucks do with the bags and where do they recycle them. Again it was suggested that we have the kids do that leg work also.

Joe said he knows the teacher at Wydown Middle School; he said he would contact her and see if they would be willing to the leg work on these ideas.

Diane suggested we come back to the next meeting with some other ideas; she would like to report back to the mayor after our next meeting.

### **World Wildlife Funds Earth Hourly City Challenge**

Diane advised the committee the next agenda item John wanted to discuss; however he couldn't make the meeting.

Diane gave a brief explanation of the challenge. She said she went on the website and the 2013 Earth Hour challenge has already passed for this year, it basically was asking everyone at 8pm to turn off their lights for an hour. She said John would have more information, but she thinks they are asking if the City of Clayton would like to be a part of the Earth Day challenge for next year. However after looking at the website, Clayton has already done most of them. It does suggest if you have any new ideas to submit them, Diane suggested after we take a look at the website maybe we can submit something and participate.

Daneen read an email from John regarding an update on the lighting that was installed in the garage. The following is the email from John Wulf, it read:

D Please report on the following item at SAC meeting this evening.

Twenty-six 150W Metal Halide lighting fixtures located on the first and lower levels of the City Hall garage have been replaced with 50W LED fixtures. This not only improved lighting levels, the City will benefit from the on-going energy savings from lighting that is on 24/7 365 days a year. The Public Works Facilities Division is leveraging funds from Ameren's Act on Energy Program to with the purchase of the fixtures.

Diane introduce Helena, a resident that attended the meeting, she wanted to inform the committee she had been to Kentucky Fried Chicken recently and noticed they were using reusable takeout packaging instead of Styrofoam. She was hoping the committee could make some type of effort to reach out the restaurants in Clayton to start using these types of containers instead of the Styrofoam.

The committee had a general conversation regarding the usage of Styrofoam containers in Clayton. Helena said she could bring more information to the next meeting she wasn't quite prepared because Diane told her that she wasn't sure if we would have time this meeting to discuss it.

Richard asked about the electronic recycling event. Daneen informed Richard and the committee the next recycling event has been schedule for March of 2014, but with the new contract with Republic, they will be having another one in the fall. The Committee had a general conversation about the electronic recycling event and was pleased the city will be having more than one.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, December 11, 2013.**

cc: June Waters, City Clerk